

## **PORTUGAL**

In 2001-2002, the Portuguese Ministry of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Education signed a Memorandum of Agreement concerning Portuguese language teaching within Massachusetts public schools. As a result, five Portuguese teachers came from Portugal and taught in middle and secondary schools in the areas of Boston and Fall River.

In 2002-2003, the project will continue in four schools. The Embassy of Portugal is working to strengthen and widen the scope of the project, primarily through the development of curriculum materials on Portuguese language teaching and through professional development activities.

To date, the evaluation of the first year suggests that the project has been successful both for the students involved and for the teachers and the schools as well.

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